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**Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
- Expedited Examining Procedure -  
Examining Group 3722**

**Customer No. 01333**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

David L. Patton

**A METHOD FOR PRINTING AND  
VERIFYING LIMITED EDITION  
STAMPS**

Serial No. US 09/534,433

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Examiner: M. Henderson

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Sir:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Official Action dated May 4, 2001, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner rejected claims 12 -22 under 135 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gilmore et al. for the reasons set forth in paragraph 2 of the Official action.

The Gilmore et al reference discloses inks that have UV characteristics which may be detected by a compatible reader. The Examiner has taken the statement as being interpreted that the ink is "invisible under normal viewing conditions". However, there is nothing in the Gilmore et al. reference that teaches or suggests that the ink is invisible under normal viewing conditions. In Gilmore et al., the stamp is provided with an ink that allows machine readable characteristics. The ability to actually view the ink is irrelevant. It matters only

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